

# The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

Wishing you a safe and blessed Sunday



Lord, transform us by your love, that we may know and do your will, that we may live and work to your praise and glory, through Christ, the King of glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Lord, we dedicate our lives to you.  
We pray for the unity of your church,  
that we may work together for the good of all.

We give you thanks for the gifts you have given us, and we ask that we use them to your glory.

Christ, Son of the living God,  
**hear us and help us.**

Lord, we remember those who have lost their jobs and their livelihoods because of the pandemic.

We pray for those who have been made redundant or made homeless.

We pray for those who are now struggling to make ends meet.

May we reach out in whatever way we can, to help those in our communities.

Christ, Son of the living God,  
**hear and help us.**

We ask that you bless our homes, that they may be places of welcome and of kindness,

Fill us with generosity and compassion.

We pray for our loved ones, our neighbours and our friends,

the communities to which we belong and the places where we work.

Christ, Son of the living God,  
**hear and help us.**

We give thanks for all who have been strengthened by their faith,  
for all who have died in faith.



We remember and give thanks for those who we have known and loved and who we have lost.

Lord grant us, with them, a share in your heavenly kingdom.

Christ, Son of the living God,  
hear and help us.

### Our Bible readings for this week:

#### Exodus: 1.15 – 2.10

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews' children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh's daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, c



“Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

### **Matthew 16: 13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### **Collect**

God of glory,  
 the end of our searching,  
 help us to lay aside  
 all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
 and to give all that we have  
 to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**



O Lord, you are our strength and our shield.  
Your love sustains us through all the  
challenges we face.

We place into your hands all who are facing  
challenges,

In this time of such uncertainty.

We hold before you all who are dear to us.

Particularly we pray for our Bishop, Peter,

His family and friends and all who love him,

As they face these coming months.

May they know your strength and protection, Your healing and your love, In  
the name of Jesus, And in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

### **Blessing**

The glory of the Father,  
the peace of the Saviour,  
the power of the Spirit,  
be within us and without us;  
and the blessing of God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us and all those we love,  
this day and always.

**Amen**

**‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’**

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